

THE LONDON STAGE.

Melba Creates a Furore in "Faust" and "Lucia di Lammermoor."

American Baby Dancer the Sensation of the Drawing-Rooms.

The Wonder Did Her Training in a New York Boarding-House.

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LONDON, June 9.—Charles Thursday gave his expected special matinee at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, on Thursday, and produced the new play of the two youthful members of the Oscar Wilde school, John Galsworthy and Arthur Wing Pinero, entitled "The Blackmailers."

The run of "Utopia Limited," at R. D'Oyley Carte's Savoy Theatre, comes to an end to-day. The new opera which is to follow "Utopia Limited" will probably be produced on June 16 or June 23. The title at present selected is that of "Mirette." The libretto, which has been translated by Messrs. Fred Weatherly and Harry Greenbank, is the work of M. Michel Carré, author of "L'Enfant Prodigue" and "Le Mariage de Figaro."

Two pretty songs, the words by Lord Beaconsfield and the music by Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg), were sung by Misses Amy Sherwin and Antoinette Sterling. Mme. Melba has created a furore at Covent Garden in "Faust" and "Lucia di Lammermoor."

be presented at a full mass to be celebrated on the occasion of the Festival of San Antonio, at Padua, next year. "Little Ruby" Johnson, the baby dancer from New England, has taken the city by storm, and is the leading attraction of the small army of infantile wonders at present before the British public. The New England baby is about three years old, and about a month ago might have been seen turning "cartwheels" on Twenty-third street, New York, where her parents presided over a large boarding-house.

Ruby is described as being the prettiest little dancer, for her age, now on the stage. She began dancing almost as soon as she could toddle, and seems to have been dancing ever since. She can kick over her head, do the split with startling effectiveness, turn head over heels, "cartwheels" around the room and then continue dancing, apparently, as if such exercises were nothing to her. Skirt dances, Spanish dances and American dances she executes with perfect ease. Her parents have already had the honor of appearing at Marlborough House before the Prince and Princess of Wales and their family, and before the Duke and Duchess of Teck and other members of the royal family, in addition to delighting crowds of men, women and children in the most distinguished saloons of the metropolis.

"Little Ruby," who hails from Hartford, Conn., although she has done her training in New York, may be congratulated upon having given London an idea of the large amount of animal spirits which may be contained in a little American girl. She is really a wonderful child and deserves the success she has won.

There has been a perfect glut of concerts this season, with the result that artists other than those of the Patti, Paderewski and Joplin order stand very little chance of receiving more than casual notice in the papers.

Of future concerts, two of the most interesting are to be given by Haydn Coffin and Arthur Somervell, on June 15 and June 20 respectively. The first of these takes place at St. James's Hall, and Mr. Coffin will have the assistance of Miss Marguerite Hill, Miss Agnes Janson and Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Plunket Greene, Lawrence Kellie and the little "cellist, Jean Gerardy."

riage with a wealthy old man, and the subject is handled with some audacity in a realistic style. There may possibly be a little difficulty with the censor, but Mr. Pinero has now opened the door so wide that "A Concentrated Bargain" will doubtless get through. The author is one of the younger school of critics, and has reached an important position rapidly. He is the son of the late James Spence, of Liverpool, whose book on the great civil war, entitled "The American Union," excited important discussion and resulted in his appointment with the late Bedford Hope as the English representative of the Confederates.

On June 21 a matinee in aid of the Theatrical Choralists' Association is to be given at the Lyric Theatre, which has been kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Horace Sedger.

NELLIE BLY AT A "CURE."

Obligated to Go to a Keeley Institute in Spite of Herself.

Nellie Bly detests whiskey. She never could take even a small drink when ill without making a wry (not rue) face. But the Sunday editor of "The World" decided that she must take the Keeley



NELLIE BLY UNDER TREATMENT. She has been a patient at an institution near New York for a week. "I didn't show any whiskey symptoms," she said yesterday. "So I told them I was a victim of alcohol. If you want to know what it is like to take the cure you must read my story in 'The World' to-morrow."

Coming Events.

The Clifton Tennis Club holds its annual opening today at the club grounds, Archer, 2. A tea and reception will be held from 4 until 7 o'clock. Rev. Henry Everett Cobb will speak on "A Young Man's Religion" in the Young Men's Institute, 222 Broadway, at 4 P. M. to-morrow. Rev. Charles L. Thompson will speak on "The Nation and Municipal Reform" at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Madison avenue and Fifty-third street, to-morrow evening. Vigilant Club's excursion and outing to Little Neck, Long Island Sound, to-morrow. Annual excursion of Kotex Post, No. 21, O. A. R., up Long Island Sound, landing at Whitestone on the return, to-morrow. Good government Club F. will open its club rooms at 524 Hudson street Monday evening. The first excursion of the Summer Women's Relief Corps, No. 1, of Mrs. Mary J. Durham is President, will be held Monday, at Coney Island. The Washington Heights Progressive Association will have an excursion to Iona Island June 11. The Europa Club will hold its third annual outing at Devine's Grove, Westchester, Sunday, June 24. Some well-known agitators will take part in the races, and there will be a baseball match between the Europa Club and Michael Sherry's Association team. Sprinter Henry Stern will be the starter of the games. The annual excursion of the Thomas F. McCord Association will take place Sunday, July 1, to Corvaton Grove, Long Island Sound.

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"Please do something for baby; don't mind me, I have been told that I can't be cured."

"This is the answer I received to-day from a poor woman when asked if I could do anything for her. The little home was wretchedly furnished, but clean. Two children and two widows—mother and grandmother—comprised the family. The father has been dead eleven months, and such support as it has come from a girl nine years of age, who minds children for women who go out to work."

"I gave necessary medicine to both baby and mother, bought some nourishing food for the little family, and came away with prayers and good wishes for all the readers of 'The Evening World.'"

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Included please find \$5 for 'The Evening World' Sick Babies' Fund. Please acknowledge under name of HARRY KESPELTER.

Boys Produce a Play.

Included find \$25, the proceeds of an entertainment.

are suffering from throat and stomach troubles peculiar to the weather; they have colic and cramps and growing pains in their delicate bones. Scores of them would feel jolly and look pretty if they had some new clothes. It might not be an altogether bad idea to turn the closets inside out, bundle up the accumulated small clothes and express them to 228 East Twenty-first street. Mrs. Roberts has more room than anything else in the Fund wardrobe; several orders from the free doctors remain unfilled.

These glittering, bright afternoons Madison Square is alive and growing with babies and little idlers. They walk on the grass under the very noses of the Park and city policemen; they fill mark of the benches, block every turn, space and crossway, and consume more water at the fountain than the draught horses.

Visitors and guests from the neighboring hotels remark on the sickly appearance of these rollicking lots.

"Poor little kids," a gentleman was saying to his wife Thursday afternoon, "they look as though they had been kept in the cellar all Winter and whitewashed to get the cold-wind off."

Of course, he was a stranger in New York, and didn't know what he was talking about. The youngsters, as a matter of fact, were very good-looking. The real "poor little kids" don't go to Madison Square to play, and the mothers don't let them go. They are kept in the room, and are so thin-bosomed that they look like little ghosts, he has only to talk to some of the staff physicians of the Sick Babies' Fund. Their patients don't go to the fashionable parks. Many of them are of times at the Fund. Address to the cashier of "The World," and be blessed by the Fund babies' relatives and friends. NELLIE NELSON.

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From a Carpenter.

Included please find \$1 for 'The Evening World' Sick Babies' Fund. A CARPENTER.

BEGGED FOR AN APOLOGY.

He Got It. His Girl Was Made Happy and the Ladies Smiled.

A young man left his girl standing on Fourteenth street in Union Square about theatre time last evening, while he popped into a tobacco shop to get a cigar.

While he was gone three big men ranged themselves against the building near the waiting girl, and remarked in chorus: "Good evening, sweetheart," to which they added fervidly, "Wow, mamma! Ain't she a peach!"

"The young man came forth to find his girl holding hands with the three men. "Make those loafers apologize; they insulted me," she half shrieked.

"The young man advanced helplessly at his companion upon whom, it was too evident, he had been laboring to make an impression.

"If you are any sort of a man, you will make them apologize," she insisted. "Very well," he exclaimed in a fillet-for-you tone, and he strode over to the three men.

"What do you mean by insulting my lady?" he roared, so that she could hear, and then rapidly under his breath he said to the girls, "Sorry to have made you think we were trying to insult your mother."

"How's that, girl?"

"Your apology is accepted, and here's my hand," she replied. The young man, and then he headed to the lady, and said to her, "You've saved my life, old top. See you later."

Clutching the arm of the now mollified young woman, the young man sailed off directly away with her.

Central Park Concert To-Morrow.

There will be music on the Mall, Central Park, to-morrow at 4 P. M., by the Seventh Regiment Band. The following is the programme:

PART I.

Star Spangled Banner.

March, "Washington Guards"..... Ragel

2. Ballet Suite, "La Gioconda"..... Ponchielli

3. Quartet, "The Day of the Land"..... Lillier

Messrs. Rogers, Hunt, George and Archimede

4. Sextet in the South..... Williams

5. Spanish Chant with variations..... Williams

PART II.

6. Overture, "Mignon"..... Thomas

7. Concert solo, "Tralle Song"..... Thomas

W. B. Rogers

8. Refrains from Symphony No. 3..... Beethoven

9. Collection of famous Scotch songs..... Gouffrey

Deborah

No Harm from This Runaway.

B. Walsh, of 722 Elizabeth avenue, was driving a horse attached to a light wagon last night on Kingsbridge road, near One Hundred and Eighty-first street, when the horse ran away. It was captured at One Hundred and Fifty-third street, by a policeman. No one was hurt.

Is from Ohio and Is Crazy.

S. M. Shook, a young man of Ada, O., who is visiting New York on business, is in Chambers Street Hospital suffering from dementia. He is reported at the hospital last night from the Elizabeth street police station.

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There is no clue to the assassin of Nicholas Rogarita, a pedler, of 25 Oak street, who was knocked senseless in front of 13 Madison street last night by an unknown man. Rogarita spent the night in Chambers Street Hospital and was transferred to Bellevue Hospital this morning. It was not known at Chambers Street Hospital whether Rogarita's condition is serious.

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